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In re Application of
Smith
Application No. 10/786,466
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Attorney Docket No. 8274-020

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed June 5, 2006 (certificate of mailing date June 1, 2006), which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. *See* 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704. No additional petition fee is required.


Petitioner states that the instant non-provisional application is the subject of an application filed in a foreign country and the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in a foreign country. A review of the file record shows that a Request to Rescind was filed with the petition. However, petitioner has not provided the exact filing date of the foreign application. Before a proper determination on the merits of the petition can be decided, petitioner must supply the filing date of the foreign application.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shirene Willis Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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